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SUBJECT: TRANSIT WITHOUT VISA FOR PRC NATIONALS

1. IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THAT NEW AIR SERVICE VIA PEKING WILL INCLUDE THROUGH FLIGHTS BETWEEN JAPAN AND EUROPE, AND JAPAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST. SINCE WE ANTICIPATE THAT AMERICAN TOURISTS AND BUSINESSMEN MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FLIGHTS, DEPARTMENT IN COURSE OF ROUTINE CONTACT WITH PRCLO ON OTHER MATTERS RAISED QUESTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSITING PRC ON THROUGH FLIGHTS. CHI LI-TE, PRCLO OVERSEAS CHINESE AND VISA SECTION CHIEF, INDICATED THAT SUCH TRAVELERS WOULD NEED PRC TRANSIT VISAS (T'UNG-HSING CH'EN-CHENG). WHEN DEPARTMENT OFFICER NOTED THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES PRC NATIONALS COULD TRANSIT US WITHOUT VISAS, CHI ASKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS, BUT STATED THAT IN ANY CASE PRC PREFERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USE OF TRANSIT VISAS IN CASE OF DELAY IN THE FLIGHT OR THE

NECESSITY OF STAYING OVERNIGHT IN PEKING.

2. UNDER CURRENT US REGULATIONS (22 CFR 41.6 (E) (1)), A VISA IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ALIENS IN IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS TRANSIT THROUGH THE US ENROUTE TO A SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOREIGN COUNTRY. IN THE CASE OF PRC NATIONALS

(AS WELL AS NATIONALS OF CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNIST NATIONS), THIS TRANSIT WITHOUT VISA PROCEDURE IS AVAILABLE ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY WHEN THE TRAVELER IS ON A DIRECT THROUGH FLIGHT WHICH WILL DEPART DIRECTLY TO A FOREIGN PLACE FROM THE PORT OF ARRIVAL.

3. WE ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSING TO THE CHINESE THROUGH PRCLO THAT THE PRC AND THE US PERMIT TRANSIT WITHOUT VISA UNDER THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN PARA (2) ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. IN THE EVENT OF A DELAY IN THE FLIGHT, THE TRAVELER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DEPART ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT TO HIS DESTINATION.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE FROM USLO ANY INFORMATION OR THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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